(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any remedial steps have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes. While it can expose SSIs to greater competition, on the positive side, it enables them to procure raw material, technology & other imports in an easier way & on cheaper prices besides opening up opportunities for export.

(c) and (d) The Government has taken various remedial steps and the package of measures provides fiscal incentives, for easier access to credit, marketing support, availability of collateral free composite loan upto Rs. 25 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

SSIs in Uttar Pradesh

326. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up small scale industries in the rural and backward areas in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the programme drawn up during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Central Government does not set up any small scale industrial (SSI) units. SSI units are set up by individual entrepreneurs in the country including in Uttar Pradesh. The Central Government supplements these efforts through various schemes/programmes. These schemes/ programmes, which are being continued in the 10th Plan, are uniformly implemented in the country and State-wise allocation is not made.

Development of small scale sector in Rajasthan

327. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes and programme implemented by